

March 5, 2003

Michael Powell
Chairman, F.C.C.

Dear Mr. Powell,

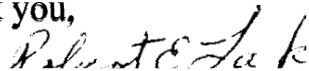
Enclosed is a clipping that reflects my very thoughts.

Since the easing of media cross ownership, radio and television programming has tumbled to new lows. Decent programs and in depth news coverage have gone by the wayside and it is worsening.

To me, it's a form of censorship controlled by a few media conglomerates. You see and hear what they want you to see and hear.

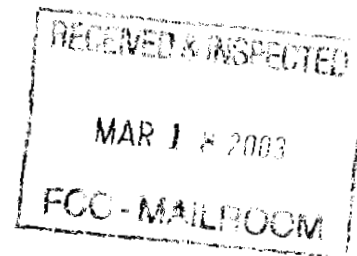
For the freedom of consumer choice, better programming, and improved, unbiased news coverage, please maintain the present regulations and enforce them.

Thank you,

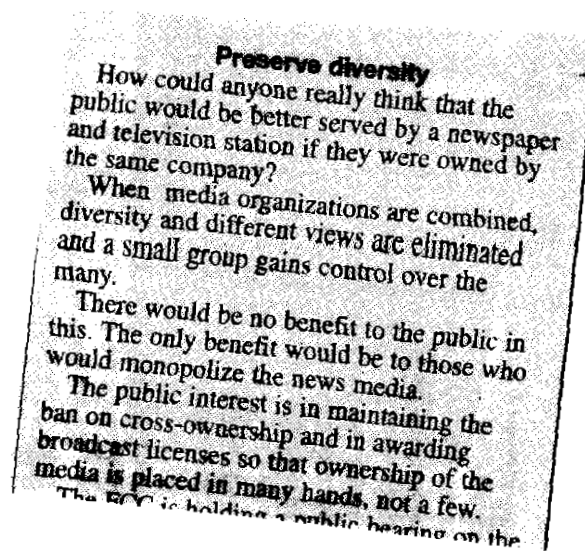


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Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket # 02-277

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to make you aware that I am opposed to the changes to the current media ownership rules your commission is considering.

I believe this would have a drastic impact on independence, accuracy and diversity of both national and local media.

Please take into consideration that a free media is the foundation of our democracy and that the rules your agency is thinking of changing will have the effect of destroying our fundamental rights.

I appreciate your taking my opinion into account.

Sincerely,

Robert Tardif

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Kathleen Q. Abernathy
FCC Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ownership of Mass Media

Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

I am writing to you concerning the topic of news media consolidation in this country. I feel that the consolidation of news media outlets into the hands of a few corporations is not in the best interests of our nation. The greatest problem with media consolidation is the filtering of news to the nation. It should be immediately obvious that as soon as you give control of the mass media to a few large corporations that fair and accurate reporting of the news will come second only to their financial and political interests. The media outlets will always act in their own best economic interests meaning that the media outlets will not want to offend their advertisers, **as** advertising is their primary source of revenue. As competition is reduced the principle of accountability and quality of news becomes second only to revenue generation. When the number of media outlets are placed into the hands of fewer but larger corporations, then it becomes much easier to report news in a biased manner so as to meet the agenda of the media outlet. This leads to less accountability on the part of the media outlet. This is not in the best interests of the nation. What the nation needs is fair, honest, and unbiased news reporting that allows the citizens of this nation to draw their own conclusions based on what they see, hear or read in the media.

Sincerely,

Donald Lillard

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